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The Christian's Heritage.

O, royal heritage divine,
For all the Godhead's wealth is mine;
A child of dust, a worm of earth—
But heir of God by second birth.

Exalted from a groveling life,
From sin and hate—from self and strife;
Within my heart a temple throne,
The kingship of my soul His own.

My soul's response, a glad amen
To all His will—again, again;
Emptied of self, and filled with God,
Made and kept clean tho' Jesus' blood.

My life a glad, free victory song;
Redeemed from fear and saved from wrong,
The fullness of His life I know,
A foretaste of His heaven below.

Thus would I have the world to see
Its heritage of hope in me,
And by the fullness of His grace
Be brought from sin to see His face.

From emptiness, and want, and woe,
From all the fruits of sin below,
His fullness will my soul restore,
And save and fill forevermore.

—*Rev. John Parker.*

From St. Louis, Mo.

I left my home in Kansas, Feb. 11th, and stopped at Walton, Kansas over Sabbath, to meet an appointment near there.

The place of meeting was within the limits of a German Baptist congregation, in a school house where regular meetings were held by the German Baptists for about three years. In fact the writer used to preach there while yet in that church. But I learned after my arrival that it was entirely abandoned. This seemed strange, but after inquiring into the matter, I learned that the interest died.

Some of the readers of the EVANGELIST might ask for the immediate cause which resulted in its death. I would answer like doctors sometimes answer when asked what caused the death of his patient: want of "vitality."

After learning that the interest which formerly was manifested on the part of the people in that community had retrograded to the extent that it had, I felt somewhat doubtful whether I would have a congregation to preach to. But I was pleasantly suprised to see the house well filled with earnest listeners; and I preached to them the same "gospel" that I preached there formerly. Within these boundaries there is a grand opening for a Brethren church to be built up; as there is much dissatisfaction among the German Baptists at that place. I think according to old usages, there will be a committee dispatched by the Newton church, Kansas, very shortly, to know the "why and wherefore." The members around Walton fellowshipped that man, Dr. Shomber, of Mackeville, Kans., and that in my judgment, would only hasten the ripening of the fruit, as it is almost ripe already.

Well since I came to the city, St. Louis, I have visited the plach where the once "famous" German Baptist church "edifice" stands, in which I also preached on former occasions. But as I look upon it, I was stricken with astonishment, from the fact, that above the door I beheld a large inscription, indicating that a Lutheran "gospel mill" was set up in it, in place of a German Baptist. Another death due to insufficiency of vitality to maintain life.

I plainly see already that it is impossible for me to get myself any more greatness and fame, out of the St. Louis German Baptist cause; so I will forbear saying anything more about it.

Tomorrow night, Feb. 22, I am "booked" to preach for the colored Baptists, on 10th and Chamber streets. I preached for them about five years ago, and they haven't forgotten me yet. Friday night following, my promise is out to preach for the colored M. E. Brethren. They have a white pastor in charge.

I shall remain here for about two or three weeks yet. I may stop at Lawrence with the brethren on my way home. I do not know the names of any of them, hence, I can not correspond with them. Well I presume I ought to stop for this time, or the waste basket may be intruded on.

H. SHOMBER, M. D.

Feb. 21, 1888.

Brighton, Ind.

On Sunday evening, Feb. 19, we closed our meeting at Brighton, Ind., with just such a feeling as a good revival will produce. The church rejoiced, and our enemies were defeated, for they did all in their power to hinder, and injure us. But amid it all the Lord prospered us.

On Saturday, the 18th, we repaired to the water side, of Pigeon River, and baptized 12 converts. We also received 4 by relation, making 16 in all the result of our revival at Brighton. Two of those that were baptized had come out, I believe under Bro. Summer's preaching, but had not been baptized. One of them had been received into the church on his single immersion, with the understanding that as soon as he could clearly see trine immersion he should receive it at the hands of the Brethren, which he now has done.

On Sunday afternoon we met at Bro. Elias Horners, for social and prayer meeting, and where all of our newly baptized converts met with us, and where we held the consecration services—praying over them and the laying on of hands. Do you see Bro. Swihart? this time I suppose I said it all right. These services were very impressive and we hope beneficial to all present.

The Brighton Brethren have their new meeting house under headway now; they have the stone nearly all on the ground for the foundation, and some of the lumber, and as soon as the weather will permit they will begin work in earnest.

Bro. Binkley is pastor of this congregation and the people speak of him in high terms, and may God so fit him for his duties that through his ministrations the church may prosper and do much more good. The brethren have my thanks for so many favors that I received from them. I am especially concerned about the converts that came out at Pleasant Hill, Campbell and Brighton. Should any of you read this, my advice and prayer is, live faithful to your truste, keep near to Jesus. You remember how warm and pure was your first love, and oh may you never lose it, but may you so live that it may continue to increase.

ISAAC KILHEFNER.

Brighton, Ind., Feb. 20, 1888.

Auburn, Ill.

Our church at Auburn is in a prosperous condition. We are increasing slowly but surely and the best part of it is, they are working together harmoniously. At a recent council meeting, we decided to retain Bro. Ridenour for another year, beginning next April. Although he has had a number of calls from other churches, more able than this, and was offered more, he preferred to remain in Auburn. He seems to like Auburn brethren and I am sure they like him.

Sister Foster, at our council meeting, introduced the object of the Sister's Society for Christian Endeavor, and the sisters seemed ready and willing for the work it will bring. It seems to me this is an opportunity to do great good. I am glad it is being organized and I hope every church in the brotherhood will organize for work and work.

We have a very interesting Sunday school which is keep alive winter and summer. I am a strong believer in S. S. I think if our children are found regularly at S. S. they will grow up and be Christian men and women. I think the Sunday school a means of very much good. Brethren let us encourage it, that our children may grow useful men and women, to be honored of God and all men. I repeat it. I am a believer in Sunday schools.

Bro. Ridenour will likely go to Ocoya soon to hold a few meetings, and possibly preach for them the coming year half of the time, as we only have meeting twice a month here.

C. M. POLEY.

Feb. 15, 1888.

Ocoya, Ill.

No. 8 of the EVANGELIST just received, and as usual read with interest. It is so full of good news from the churches it causes my heart to rejoice to hear of so many souls being born into the family of God. Praise his holy name for his goodness in bringing so many precious souls to him.

When I read so much good news from the different arms of the church, and know we are strangers in the flesh, I wonder how it is that we can love each other so much. But then again when I remember that we are all the children of one common Father even God, and that Christ is our Elder Brother, this love between us is not such a strange thing after all, and then I trust we are not strangers in spirit.

We all look forward to the weekly visits of the EVANGELIST, and eagerly devour its contents. It comes to us a welcome messenger between Bro. Holsinger's monthly visits, which we all appreciate so much.

Indeed I think we as a church have been blessed in that. God in his wisdom has sent to us such men as Brethren Bashor, Worst and Holsinger, who have so faithfully broken the bread of life to us. And my earnest prayer to God is that he may abundantly bless each for their labor of love amongst us, and if it might be his will that they might sometime in the future visit the little band at Ocoya again, who will always be glad to see them and give them a hearty welcome.

Bro. Bashor let us hear from you sometimes away off in your sunny home.

Have just read Bro. Worst's article from South Bend. Hope he may continue to write for the EVANGELIST, as we love to hear from him. Hope he may soon enjoy the company of his loved ones.

Will send to the EVANGELIST the beautiful hymn "Sweet Rest," taken from a S. S. book, called "Pure Delight." Hope every Brethren minister will cut it out and paste it in his hymn book. It is sung to the tune of "Old Folks at Home," or "Swanee River," an old familiar song. A minister once remarked that the tune was too good for the world to have and hoped it might some time be set to sacred music.

"Sweet Rest in Heaven."

O'er Jordans dark and stormy river
Lies heaven's fair shore;
There joy shall fill the soul forever,
Sorrow shall come no more.
There streets of gold and walls of jasper
Within the gates, [ter,
There homes prepared by our dear Mas-
Each ransomed soul awaits.

Chorus.

Safe at home, at home with Jesus
Never more to roam.
Oh, how the cares of earth grow lighter
Thinking of sweet rest at home.

Dear loved ones who have gone before us
Wait for us there;
To loving arms will God restore us,
And in their bliss we'll share.
Then full of faith we'll lay our sorrows
At Jesus feet,
And in the bright and heavenly morrow
Loved ones—the saved ones greet.

Safe at Home, etc.

M. JENNIE FRANTZ.

Varieties.

I have just returned from Bear Creek, where Bro. Kiefer and I held a short series of meetings. The meetings closed on Sunday evening, the 19th. We had no immediate accessions, but prospects are fair for some ere long.

Stopped off at Ashland, where I had an opportunity to read the EVANGELIST, printed on the 156 anniversary of Washington's birthday. I wonder whether the immortal spirit of the Father of his country is in a position or condition to see and realize the unprecedented progress of his country?

To our readers who are sufficiently acquainted with American history to understand the meaning I will say, we have reached the "Valley Forge" of Ashland College, and unless we can surprise some Trenton, or reach some Yorktown aided by some friendly allies we will have to surrender, and the time is short in which this must be done.

But to return to this number of the EVANGELIST I can say with joy, it is a good number, containing news of many successful meetings, with encouraging words from a large number of the sisters, saying among other things that brethren Brown and Cain shall have their wants attended to as soon as they learn what their wants are. Well, for my part I have communicated to the worthy president of the society in a private letter what I mean, and leave in her care the case for the present.

The children too, came around again with some interesting letters and I was especially pleased to read one from my young friend Rua Wolfe away across the Rockies. That is right young friends keep the ball rolling. There is power behind the work for Christ even if driven by the feeble hands of a little girl. We still feel that in the young folks, lies our hope for the future church.

P. J. BROWN.

Congress, O., Feb. 23rd, 1888.

Glorious News From Johnstown, Pa.

On the 2nd. inst., brother John Duke McFaden, of Philadelphia, came here by request of the church, to hold a protracted meeting. He preached every evening up to and including Wednesday evening, when he was called home to attend a funeral. Up to this time six had been received into the church by baptism. Believing the good work had only been begun, the church urged him to return on the following Friday, which he did, and continued the meeting up to and including Sunday evening, the 19th.

The immediate result of this effort was twenty-seven received by baptism, two by relation, and two applicants, making in all thirty-one. We feel to thank God and take courage.

Taking our membership into consideration this has been the most successful revival that was ever held in this city by any denomination. Bro. McFaden acquitted himself nobly, he shunned not to declare the whole counsel of God. Large and attentive audiences greeted him every night.

The Philadelphia church has our thanks for the sacrifice they made in allowing their pastor to remain with us over the third Sunday.

DANIEL CROFFORD.

S. S. C. E.

Our sisters met; subject of The Society for Christian Endeavor, presented; motion for organizing, carried; members, solicited; officers, *pro tem*, chosen; Constitution and By-Laws, adopted; permanent officers, elected; Executive, Soliciting, and Program committees, appointed; time of regular meetings being thereupon decided, a motion of adjournment was carried.

R. BELLE STERLING, Sec.

Masontown, Pa., Feb. 19, '88.